

# Sta. of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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## Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program

April 6, 2005

Supervisor Alaski

Mine Name: Hi-Cal 1 Operator Name: Robert Steele 1055 North 400 East Nephi, Utah 84648

Inspector(s): Tom Munson

Other Participants: Mine Status: Active Permit number: M230071 Inspection Date: Mar. 24, 2005 Time: 1:30PM-2:30PM

Weather: Sunny

<b>Elements of Inspection</b>	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)			
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control			
4. Deleterious Material		$\boxtimes$	
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)			
6. Concurrent Reclamation			
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads,			
highwalls, shafts, drill holes)			
8. Water Impoundments	- X-		
9. Soils			
10. Revegetation	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	
11. Air Quality			
12. Other			

**Purpose of Inspection:** 

The purpose of this inspection was to determine if there was any legitimate reason to lower the bond from the calculated amount of \$28,000. The Division currently holds \$20,000 dollars. The operator has regraded a highwall and asked if this could lower the bond costs. The last inspection we failed to GPS the whole site and since the operator has not done this, the purpose of this inspection was both to determine total acreage and an annual inspection.

#### **Directions to Site:**

The site is about 15 miles west of Nephi, Utah.

### **Inspection Summary:**

The operator was concerned that the bond costs were way too high and that he was not willing to come up with the additional money calculated by the Division. Since it was up to Mr. Steele to modify his plan, he submitted what he felt was adequate paperwork to modify his plan. After a review of these submittals a letter will be sent to Mr. Steele, stating what will be necessary to complete this plan. Until this additional information is complete the plan can not be modified or approved. Some additional area has been disturbed to the South of the main mine site, bringing the total disturbance to 6.95 acres.

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There was a trackhoe on site, according to Mr. Steele, only gathering landscape boulders.

The highwall area had been seeded but was doing extremely poorly. We recommended in our 2005 inspection that he reseed this area, but Mr. Steele stated that he was not going to do this. The inspection ended after I finished GPS'ing the site. He has not marked his area with fence posts and could be subject to a violation if he extends his disturbance.

There was numerous empty and partially full barrels of fuel onsite with no protection or containment. This also will be considered a violation if it is not properly taken care of.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The Division recommends he reseed the highwall area and roughen the area this fall. The Division also recommends he contact the Division to determine what he needs to do to complete his plan or bond the plan as approved. The operator has failed to complete the permit or post adequate reclamation bond which will lead to enforcement action in the near future.

Date: 04/06/2006

**Inspector's Signature** 

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cc: Robert Steele, Operator

Jerry Mansfield, BLM, Fillmore

Attachment: GPS & Photos

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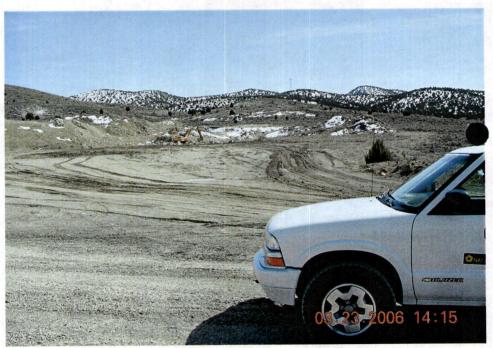


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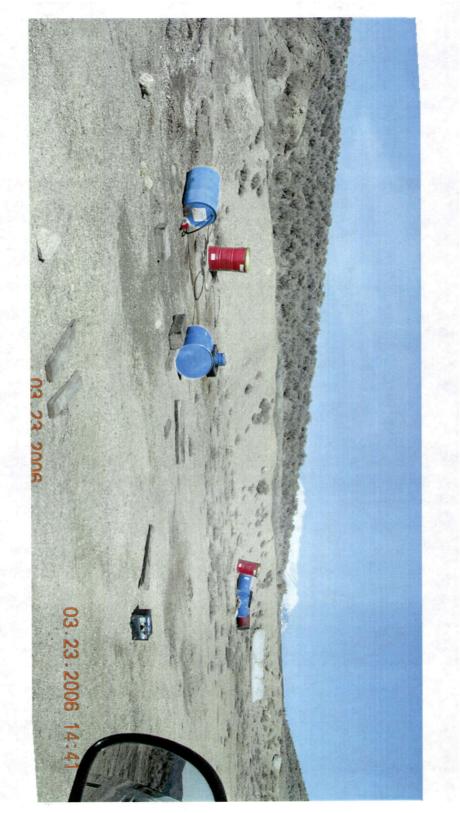








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ACTIVE AREA





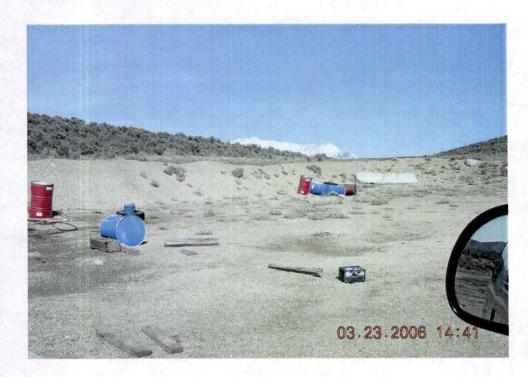
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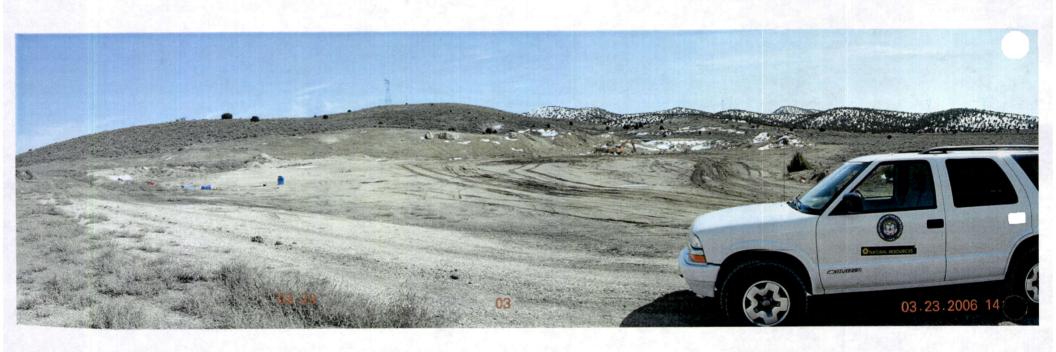




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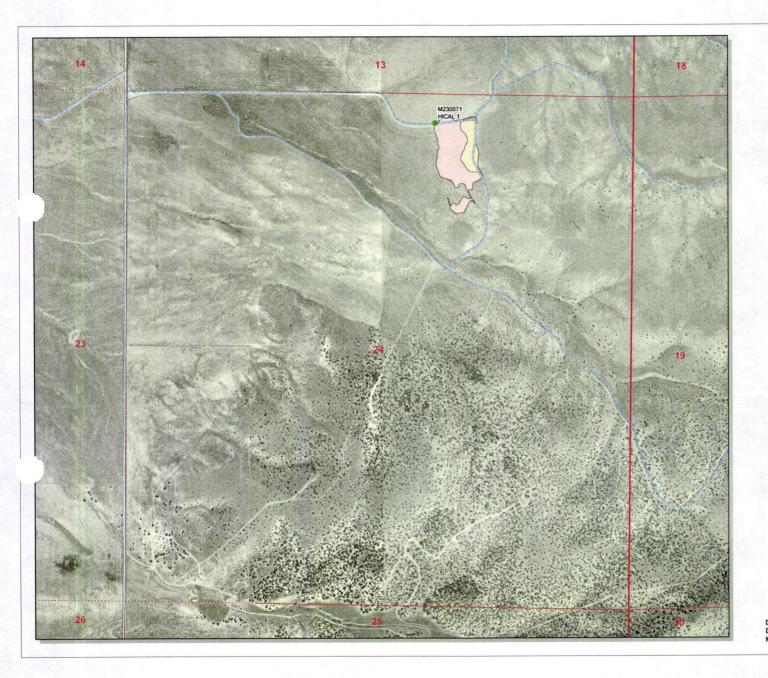
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### Mine Number: M0230071 Mine Name: Hical 1 Township 13 S Range 02 W Section 24 SLBM

Inspection Date Mar. 24, 2006 Map Produced by DKS

Acres Disturbed	5.2	
Acres Regraded	1.75	
Acres Seeded	0	
Road Acres Disturbed	0	

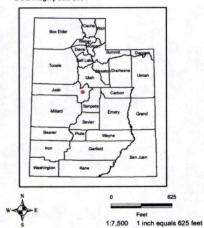
Total Acres Distrubed 6.95

Acres Released 0
Acres Excluded 0
Acres PreExisting 0
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### Legend All items symbolized in legend may not be appear on map



#### DOQ imagery date 2004



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